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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Amending Article VI, §1(1)(c) of the ASUM Bylaws
September 10, 2021
SB12-21/22

Authored by: Emma Kiefer, ASUM Senator;

Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana's (ASUM) mission statement currently reads:

The Associated Students of the University of Montana enhances the student experience through providing services, advocating for the rights of all University of Montana students as a diverse, unified body, and models trust and transparency among students, faculty, and staff.¹

Whereas, One of the core values of ASUM is diligence;

Whereas, The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines "diligence" as:

*A steady, earnest, and energetic effort;
Devoted and painstaking work and application to accomplish an undertaking;
The attention and care legally expected or required of a person.²*

Whereas, Under ASUM's mission statement and core values, Governing Documents should be as accurate and consistent as possible;

Whereas, Article VI, §2(1) of the ASUM Bylaws currently reads:

The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is charged with representing and respecting all students, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, creed, service in the uniformed services, veteran status, sex, age, political ideals, marital or family status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, genetic information, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation in compliance with federal, state, and local non-discrimination ordinances and the University of Montana Student Code of Conduct. As such, neither membership nor participation in ASUM sanctioned affairs shall be barred to any student on the basis of protected class.;

Whereas, Article VI, §1(1)(c) currently only lists race, sex, religion, political affiliation, group affiliation, or portion of the student population as source of potential bias that members of the ASUM Student Government shall be aware of and separate themselves from in decision-making;

Whereas, Article VI, §1(1)(c) should list the same discrimination protected classes as listed in Article VI, §2(1) to uphold ASUM values of diligence;

¹<https://www.umt.edu/asum/student-government/about.php>

²<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/diligence>


44 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Article VI, §1(1)(c), of the ASUM Bylaws be amended to
45 read:

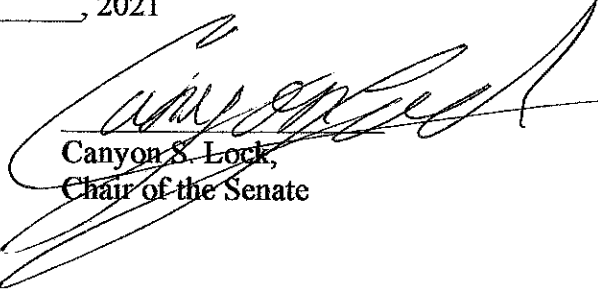
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47 *(c) Retain the self-awareness to separate themselves from potential bias in order to*
48 *represent all students regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, creed, service*
49 *in the uniformed services, veteran status, sex, age, political ideals, marital or family*
50 *status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, genetic information, gender identity,*
51 *gender expression, sexual orientation, or portion of the student population;*
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53 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to Gwen Coon, ASUM Office
54 Manager; and Alexandra Berna, ASUM Secretary.

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56 Passed by Committee: September 12, 2021
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58 Passed by ASUM Senate: September 22, 2021
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62 Elizabeth Bowles,
63 Chair of Relations & Affairs


Canyon S. Lock,
Chair of the Senate